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Items of Interest Locally

Don't forget Col. Stewart's combination sale next Saturday, 28th.

Dr. R. G. Gilmour has returned from Ontario, where he has been visiting for some time past.

March weather has prevailed this week: a little rain, a little snow, some snow, and some very blustery days.

The St. Patrick's dance given by Mr. Fouts on Tuesday night was largely attended and a very successful dance.

There will be a lot of good household goods in the combination sale on March 28, at Dagg's Livery, Lacombe.

C. B. Eggen has opened his auto livery for the season, and parties requiring his services are requested to call him up.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cannon have returned from a three months eastern tour, having visited Boston, Halifax, Montreal and other points in the east.

If you have any chickens to sell, bring them in to Col. Stewart's combination sale at Lacombe on March 28. There is a big demand for chickens since spring has opened up.

On Monday, March 30th, the young people of Grace Methodist church purpose giving a pancake supper and a representation of the breach of promise case, Pickwick vs. Bardell, taken from Charles Dickens' "Pickwick Papers."

The Bentley Dramatic Society will present the comedy, "What Happened to Jones," which they recently staged so successfully, in the Comet theater on Thursday evening March 26. It is pronounced very funny by those who have seen it. Seats on sale at the City Pharmacy.

At an adjourned meeting of the town council held on Thursday, the gas franchise bylaw was given first and second readings. It will be submitted to the ratepayers on April 18. A favorable vote is anticipated, as practically everybody is anxious to see the Brick Company secure natural gas.

Hospital Donations

Nurse Pye, \$3.25; Mrs. R. J. Scott, 50c; Mrs. R. M. Collie, 50c; Mrs. H. Brown, 50c; Mrs. R. N. Wilson, 50c; Mrs. A. Lealie, 50c; Mrs. J. H. McArthur, 50c; Mrs. P. S. Banks, 50c; Mrs. P. Simpson, 50c; Mrs. B. Slater, 50c; Mrs. Nicholson, 50c; Mrs. Caldwell, 50c; Mrs. Young, 50c; Miss A. A. Pierce, 50c; Miss E. H. Ross, 50c; Miss B. C. McLean, 50c; J. P. Davidson, 50c; Mrs. P. Friswell, 50c; L. Peters, 50c; a friend, 25c; Mrs. H. Watt, 50c; Mrs. A. W. Kent, 50c; a friend, 50c; Miss L. Bille, 25c; Mrs. Arthur French, 15c.

Electric Fluid on the Rampage

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The injured are: James Thomas, baker's helper, hand burned; Robert Taylor, a boy, hand and foot burned.

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ary circuit supplying current for lighting purposes, the inquest into the death of William Wood, 48, who was electrocuted in a stable at the rear of 606 17th Avenue east was adjourned till tonight at 8 o'clock. City Solicitor John Brown made the statement that if the wiring to the barn had been properly done the fatality would never have occurred. It appears that the wiring was done by some qualified person and that the socket used in making the connection into the barn was brass instead of porcelain as called for in the bylaw. The wiring had never been inspected.

Regardless of this claim, however, Mr. Brown admitted that the arc circuit wire and the lightly charged secondary wire had been tied on one peg at the corner, mentioned, causing the latter wire to transmit a heavy surplus of current to the houses on the circuit with the result that two people were killed and others suffered from violent shocks.

"About two weeks ago the street railway company placed one of its wires on our peg on the pole at this corner," said Mr. Brown in giving his testimony. "Then some one shifted our wire off the peg in direct contravention of the bylaw and tied it to the arc circuit wire. The insulation on the wires worn away at the point where the tie was made and when the lines came in contact with each other the heavy current was fused into the secondary wire, which normally only carried from 110 to 220 volts for domestic lighting purposes."

Calgary, March 19.—At Armstrong & McPherson's undertaking rooms yesterday afternoon, the coroner's jury returned the following verdict on the cause of death of Charles Carter: "We the undersigned jury empaneled to inquire into the death of Charles Carter, find that he met his death at 440 17th Avenue east on the evening of Monday, March 16, that the cause was excessive voltage due to negligence on the part of the street railway line men. We think it the duty of the city of Calgary to re inspect the electrical installation to the end that a similar occurrence may be prevented and to publicly advertise that the inspection may be had at a nominal price."

At Harrison & Foster's undertaking rooms last night the coroner's jury in an inquest before Dr. Rose into the cause of the death of William Wood, who was electrocuted in a stable at the rear of 606 Nineteenth Avenue east within a few minutes of the time that Carter met his death, returned a verdict to the effect that Wood's death was due to negligence on the part of someone unknown, who had tied the wire to the secondary wire. The jury did not name the street railway line men as having tied the wires. The evidence was practically the same as that given at the inquiry into Carter's death.

Our Appalling Ignorance

Mr. Augustine Birrell, the chief secretary for Ireland, has a reputation for making clever after-dinner speeches, but seems to have excelled himself at a recent journalistic gathering. He told of a bad dream that had come to

him over and over again. Sir Isaac Newton would approach him and say:

"I want you to tell me, in a few words, for I have only a quarter of an hour left, all that has happened to the race since I left the world; the progress. How is it? I know what it was when I left it. What is it now? My heart sinks," said Mr. Birrell, "and, covered with confusion, I stumble, I stutter, I stammer, I become more and more involved, my ignorance becomes more and more apparent, and, at last, the unhappy ghost, throwing up his hands, leaves me with dismay. That dream constantly comes to me. The only difference is that the moment the unhappy Sir Isaac sees me now he says, 'Oh, that old ignorance,' and departs."

A good many others, without meeting Sir Isaac, have been haunted by a similar sense of ignorance.

Did it ever strike you how foolish you would feel if chance threw you on an island that was completely out of touch with civilization and, some intelligent savage asked you to explain the workings of some of the marvels of our age? You could not put him off by offering to lend him your encyclopedia or by telling him to write to the editor of his daily newspaper, who is commonly supposed to know everything from the proper time to put your garden in to the date of the building of the tower of Babel. You might bluff him with generalities for a time, but he would be sure to corner you soon. Mr. Birrell's dream would be a good text for the director of university extension lectures to work from.

Noted Albertan Dead

Lieut.-Col. Alfred Wyndham, one of the best known names in the life of this province, passed away at Okotoks at 4 a.m. Tuesday, March 10. The funeral was held from St. Peter's Church, Okotoks, Thursday afternoon at 3.15. The funeral service was conducted by His Lordship the Bishop of Calgary, assisted by Rev. R. Alderson.

The late Col. Wyndham was in his 78th year, and had passed through a very eventful life. He was a member of the well-known English family of the same name who have gained distinction both in parliamentary and military life. He served in the British army, and when he retired, came to Ontario in the neighborhood of 60 years ago. He settled at Newmarket, and at once became interested in municipal affairs.

Later on he was one of the prominent figures in the Riel rebellion, and settled in Glenview, near Guelph, 28 years ago. Six years ago he retired from the ranching business and settled in Okotoks, and since that time has been very well known throughout Alberta.

Col. Wyndham was an authority on provincial affairs, and at all times was a champion for provincial rights. He kept up the fight, and was much disappointed when the lands were reserved in 1905.

At one time he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Northwest Territories Legislature. He had been a justice of the peace for 40 years, and had been ill for the past six months. He was an active member of the Church of England, and in politics a Conservative.

He married Miss Stewart, grand-daughter of a former chief justice of Quebec, 55 years ago. She survives, as do six sons and two daughters, all residing in Alberta.

Ahead of the Procession

According to J. S. Dennis, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific railroad, the towns and cities of Western Canada have got ahead of the procession and must wait until the rural communities overtake them. In his address to the Edmonton Industrial League, he won the approval of his audience in that he emphasized a thought that has gradually been rooting itself as a conviction in the minds of western optimists. In their frantic efforts to win out in the make-rich-quick game that has been played with so much zest during the last decade, certain fundamental principles have been forgotten. Surrounding every enterprising centre there are valuable tracts of land divided into town lots upon which residents will not build for some years. In the meantime they should be put to some profitable use. Beyond these there are enormous stretches of fertile soil as yet unscratched by the plow.

The present pressing problem is how to settle these with agriculturists who know how to take the latent wealth out of them. Mr. Dennis pointed out the absurdity of expecting these to come from England, where there are only two hundred and fifty thousand actually engaged in the cultivation of the soil, or from northern Europe, in the major portion of which there are laws preventing as from coming on an active immigration propaganda. He would have us tempt our American cousins across the border. In doing so, they will only be following the tide of immigration in its northwesterly course to a land of goodly promise.

As was ably pointed out, there has been a good deal of poor advertising. It commenced when we proclaimed to the world that these western plains were a continuation of the great American desert stretching up into the polar regions and has been continued in the many absurd and misleading statements that have been made in more recent years. The unvarnished truth concerning the possibilities of this western land is a story that needs no embellishment. It should be told with endless reiteration until enterprising Englishmen and wide-awake Americans have peopled this extensive domain. Only let the truth be told. For the present at least we do not want the city dweller but the tiller of the soil. The cities must wait for the procession to overtake them.

Hospital Aid Report, Since March 1913

In giving out this report I might say there is about \$1200 which I have previously acknowledged which will not be included in this report, but will come in presently. We have collected during the year in cash \$202.65. Turned over to Hospital Board, Oct. 16, 1913: \$130.00 March 7th, 1914: \$400.00 Paid out for different articles: \$12.05 for which I have receipts to show. Miss Evans

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It is true that on one or two occasions, under the stress of deep religious excitement, that a few of them behaved in most unseemly manner and acted as sane people never do, but these unfortunate incidents occurred but twice in about twenty years, and less than ten per cent. took part in the strange, weird pilgrimages.

The Doukhobors have moved into British Columbia, in a country with a climate less rigorous than that of Saskatchewan, in a country where they can be more by themselves. They do not please the government of British Columbia, which does not understand them. Certain officials have investigated their ways and have come to the conclusion that they are not living as they should do and that their customs are

improper because they are different from ours. According to report, the British Columbia government is inclined to annoy the Doukhobors by demanding some petty, red-tape requirement from them. It is said, too, that the Doukhobors threaten to go upon another nude pilgrimage, which we very much doubt. It is surprising that the government cannot let these people alone. That is all they desire. They are injuring no person and they are doing no evil. They are living

Christian lives, and their standard, though different, is quite as high as our own. The Doukhobors should be left alone.

Col. W. A. Stewart Auctioneer

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Hogs - 10 Stock Hogs, 2 pure bred Yorkshire Boars, 1 pure bred Berkshire Sow, some pure bred Yorkshire Sows.

A lot of chickens will be offered, including 12 pure bred Leghorns and Buff Orpington Cockerels, 260 egg Chatham Incubator, and 80 egg Cyphers Incubator, both good as new.

2 new John Deere Prairie Breaking Plows.

New Hero Fanning Mill

New Monarch Fanning Mill

Set new Lower Harrows

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8 good Wagons

3 Buggies, one nearly new

New Sharples Cream Separator

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New Breaking Plow

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